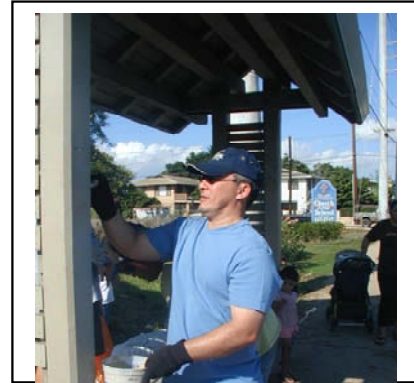


Ewa Beach ADOPT-A-BLOCK
Saturday, December 3, 2005



City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services
4 Ewa Clean / Adopt-A-Block Summary and Photos
Contact: Iwalani Sato, City and County of Honolulu, 429-4112
Photos taken by Iwalani Sato

Volunteers=100; trash bags=100 (streets, park); storm drains stenciled=10; 2 hours; bus stops=4
Project Location: North Road, Fort Weaver Road from Ewa Beach Park to the Boys and Girls Club, Papipi Road, Puuloa Community Park
Pau Hana: 1 hour

Mufi Hannemann, Mayor
Eric Takamura, P.h.D., Director
Department of Environmental Services

The City's Department of Environmental Services is coordinating the Adopt-A-Block and commends Campbell High School 4 Ewa Clean Volunteer Beach Boys and Girls Club, and Ewa Weed and Seed for their two-year commitment to demonstrate that everyone working together can make a difference in the neighborhood.

This Adopt-A-Block is sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu and supported by participating companies and organizations including the City and County of Honolulu Department of Facility Maintenance, Department of Parks and Recreation Adopt-A-Park Program, Department of Transportation Services, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Councilman Todd Apo, Representative Kymberly Pine, Honolulu Police Department, Ewa Beach Neighbor Board, Honolulu Police Department, State of Hawaii Department of Health-Clean Water Branch, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation - Highways, Ilocos Moco Drive In, Waste Management Hawaii, State of Hawaii Attorney General's Environmental Crimes Unit, and Save Ewa Beach and U.S. Veterans.



Todd K. Apo
Councilmember



Ewa-Ewa Beach-Honouliuli-West Loch
Kapolei-Kalaeloa-Honokai Hale / Nanakai Gardens-Ko Olina
Nanakuli-Wai'anae-Makaha-Keaau-Makua

MONTHLY REPORT

December 2005

Councilmember's Message

Aloha! As we wrap up the year, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration and are gearing up for the Christmas season. I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and hope that 2005 has provided some "life highlights" for you. With that, we all know there are many challenges that we will continue to face in 2006. I will spend much of December putting together plans to attack these challenges for our community. Here are some of the highlights on my thoughts.

Affordable Housing – The Council has created a new Affordable Housing Committee, and I have been selected to chair this committee that will exist for just one year. This means we will be focused on finding the City's role in creating housing solutions during this period. We all realize that there is a wide spectrum of housing issues, from homelessness, to providing necessary social services, to providing transitional housing, to increasing the supply of workforce rental housing. With our first committee meeting in January, we will invite everyone to come and share how the City can play a role in real solutions. With that input, we will look to enact necessary laws and budget necessary resources to bring these solutions to our community members in need.

Police Protection – We are looking for ways to increase police manpower and patrols to all of West Oahu. Being the fastest growing part of Oahu, and with high crime rates, we are working with the Police to simply get more police officers in our district. For a long term solution, we will need to find ways to get more interested recruits signed up and through the training programs. It is likely that this will mean a, perhaps, significant budget impact, as it may take a good amount of more money to get more police. I hope our residents will be willing to prioritize this need and accept a larger budget for public safety. It's not as simple as just saying "go hire someone." But for the safety and well being of our citizens, we must be able to address and solve this ongoing problem.

Budget – As the budget season will start up again in March, I feel much more prepared this year to go into the process. When I look back at a year ago, as much as we tried to be up to speed on the budget process, there is much we spent learning throughout the year. As the Vice-Chair of budget I will be able to have a greater amount of input into the budget. We will continue to focus on Capital Improvement Projects for the Coast, including park improvements, the completion of the emergency access road, and the completion of necessary drainage projects.

On all of these issues, I again seek your input. I thank those of you who have taken the time to call or email in your thoughts and ideas. A special thanks goes out to those who have taken the time to come and testify at council and committee hearings. Please continue to be a part of the process. Thank you again for all of the support, and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

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Councilmember Todd K Apo
and West-side Solutions

Airing on Olelo Channel 54

Sundays @ 8:30 PM

Eyes on Ewa

by Wendy Sefo

Update on the Papipi Road drainage project.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. *Is Ocean Pointe's drainage system going to be connected to the Papipi drainage system?*

A. No. The Papipi drainage system is designed to benefit Ewa Beach Elementary School and the residents on Papipi Road and Papipi Drive.

Q. *Will drainage that currently goes out to the ocean from the seven existing outlets be redirected to the Papipi drainage system?*

A. No. The existing drainage lines in your neighborhood will NOT be connected to the Papipi system. This improvement project will not touch the existing drainage lines/outlets in your neighborhood.

Q. *Have all the filters and vegetated swales been removed from the system?*

A. No. Unlike the drainage outlets you currently have, Haseko's proposed system includes sediment traps to help clean the runoff from Papipi Road and Papipi Drive before it arrives at the ocean. The vegetated swales planned for behind the homes on Papipi Drive and in front of the Papipi subdivision are also still included in the proposed design. One vegetated swale was removed at the request of the City to address potential maintenance problems.

Q. *Will Haseko do more water quality tests?*

A. Yes. Haseko will continue to conduct tests before, during and after construction as part of its government-approved water quality monitoring program. State and federal agencies will continue to review the testing protocol and results.

Q. *Will the ocean outlet kill all the limu?*

A. No. The scientific evidence says the stormwater runoff will not change water quality in a way that would substantially change limu growth.

Q. *Has a human skeleton been found near the project site?*

A. No. Haseko has conducted numerous examinations and test digs in the area and no human skeleton was found. Haseko will have an archaeologist on site while the ocean outlet is being constructed. Should any human remains be found, Haseko will immediately stop work and notify the authorities.

Keeping Up In Kapolei <div>by Wendy Sefo</div>	
Kapolei Regional Park <div>Project No. 73116</div>	
Total Appropriations To Date:	\$3,700,000
Most Recent Appropriation:	Fiscal Year 2006 - \$600,000 Councilmember Apo initiated for the development of Master Planned improvements including parking lot.
Master Plan Improvements:	Including, but not limited to, a skate park & hula mound, new parking lot, native garden development and improvements to existing parking lot.
Status of Improvements	
Hula Mound Re-Grading:	In progress - contract with Henry's Equipment to complete. DPP to confirm progress with Inspector.
New Comfort Stations:	Currently under contract. However, available funds are insufficient to cover all project cost. Councilmember Apo will include monies in 2007 so the project can go forward. DPP remains committed to getting this part of project done when funds are available.
Resurfacing Upper Parking Lot:	Contract with Henry's Equipment. Project going forward. Some changes had to be made, delay in final plan and entry. DPP will confirm status.
Redesign of New Parking Lot:	Pending. Fiscal Year 2006 project.
Skate Park:	Design and build phase underway. Permits and final permitting taking place.
Archeological Inventory:	Draft of Master plan under review.

Working within Waianae

by Karen Awana

Representatives from CM Apo's office attended the Drug Endangered Children Conference which was held at the Hawaii Prince Hotel on November 1-2. Representatives from law enforcement, human services and medical facilities were present. Among the topics discussed were medical assessments of children living in a drug endangered environment, existing legislation which addresses child endangerment, roles of law enforcement and responsibilities of child and protective services. An intriguing fact – although crystal methamphetamine is colorless and odorless when used, chemical traces easily absorb porous surfaces such as the skin and lingers throughout the homes. Children living in households where drugs are used or manufactured must abandon all clothing including toys which are infected with the deadly chemicals. For more information refer to the following website: <http://www.nationaldec.org>.

Councilmember Apo met with Acting Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director, Alfred Tanaka, and DTS Chief Planner, Mike Oshiro on November 4 to discuss concerns from constituents regarding the Waianae Emergency Access Route. The department has received mixed responses regarding the Nanakuli extension between Pohakunui Avenue and Nanakuli Beach Park. Some are pleased with the progress of an alternate route. Others are concerned about the obstructed view plane caused by the construction and design of the bridge. The location of the bridge was decided by members of the Nanakuli Homestead Association. The bridge was constructed to meet the needs of an emergency to include flooding. This road will be open by the Honolulu Police Department only during emergency times. The administration continues open dialogue with new landowners of the Paakea extension. DTS expects to come to an agreement by the end of the year. New concerns by nearby residents have risen regarding the revised route for the Makaha extension. DTS continues to mitigate these concerns.

The annual Waianae Coast Christmas Parade and Hoolaulea is scheduled for Saturday, December 3. The parade route will begin at 10:00 am from the Waianae Boat Harbor and travel along Farrington Highway to the Waianae Shopping Mall. A Hoolaulea will follow with craft, food and informational booths at the shopping mall. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day. For more information, contact Anson Rego at 696-7061.

The Kapolei Hale City Lights Christmas Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2005. This event will commence at 5:00 pm. An electric light parade will take place along Kapolei Parkway at 6:00 pm followed by a tree lighting ceremony on the Kapolei Hale grounds at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited!

In addition to the other activities being held at Kapolei Hale, Friends of Kapolei Hale will celebrate Christmas in Kapolei with a coloring contest which was open to public school students along the Waianae Coast. Although everyone is a winner, noted artisans will be recognized at the event. Prizes will include toys, video cassettes, DVDs, CDs, movie tickets, gift certificates, and food coupons. The top twenty will receive a special prize package that includes the privilege of leading the Kapolei Christmas Electric Light Parade. Their artwork will be displayed at Kapolei Hale and the Kapolei Library throughout December.

Listed below are a few Christmas tree safety tips from the Honolulu Fire Department. For the entire list, log onto: www.honolulu.gov/hfd/christmastips.htm

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Choose a live tree that does not lose needles when you tap it on the ground.

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Cut your trunk at least 1 inch to help your tree absorb water.

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Mix a commercial preservative to extend the life of your tree.

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Check the water level every day.

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Turn off Christmas lights before leaving home or going to bed.

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Dispose of your tree properly and consider recycling your tree.

Drop off your Christmas trees the Waianae refuse and recycling convenience center. Hours of operation: Open 7 days a week from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. For more information see website at: www.opala.org or call the Waianae Center at 696-4203.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST’S REPORT: Students Participate in Mock Hearing

by Charmaine Doran

On November 29, 2005 students from Kamehameha School visited Honolulu Hale and the City Council. During their field trip, students not only took a tour of City facilities and talked with various government officials; but also got the chance to perform as “Councilmembers” during two Mock Hearings held in the Council’s Committee Room.

During each of the two Mock Hearings, six students joined Councilmember Todd Apo in listening to testimony and participating in discussion about OMPO transportation alternatives as Council Committee members. Other Kamehameha students presented “expert” information and public testimony to the Committee. Throughout the meeting, it was obvious that students on both ends took their roles and the traffic alternatives seriously. They certainly did their homework on the issues. The students discussed taxes, construction, and traffic patterns. At times, these topics made for interesting deliberation amongst student participants. At the end of the meeting, each student “Councilmember” explained their position and chose an alternative for the traffic solution.

“These students did a fantastic job tackling such a huge problem. I was impressed by their passion for the subject, the diversity in arguments, and their ability to stay focus, but have fun with the exercise. It was definitely the highlight of the trip,” said Councilmember Apo.

